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# STIFEL'S Holiday Headquarters.

## Nothing to Be Gained

by putting off your "Yuletide Buying" until later on.

The very article that you intended to buy for a gift may be gone, and a second choice is never so satisfactory.

And the crowds, daily increasing—greater this year than ever!

A fact that proves the assortments and prices to be correct.

Come in to-day or any day and we will try and serve you promptly and to the best advantage.

## Presents For Men.

Not any man whose heart would not be gladdened by receiving any of the following, or one of the many more things for men that we cannot mention in this space:

SMOKING JACKETS,  
BATH ROBES,  
FANCY SHIRTS,  
HANDKERCHIEFS,  
KID GLOVES,  
NECKWEAR,  
FANCY HOSIERY,  
UMBRELLAS,  
NIGHT ROBES,  
SUSPENDERS,  
UNDERWEAR,  
SMOKING SETS,  
SHAVING SETS,  
TOBACCO JARS,  
CIGAR HOLDERS,  
TRAVELING CASES,  
ASH TRAYS,

and a hundred and more other articles, and all at popular prices.

## Presents For Ladies.

A still better variety for ladies. Just room for a few hints and ask you to come and see:

WAIST AND SKIRT PATTERNS of Silk or Wool,  
FINE LINGERIE,  
KID GLOVES,  
SILK MITTENS,  
HANDKERCHIEFS,  
MANICURE SETS,  
FANCY NECKWEAR,  
UMBRELLAS,  
PERFUMERY,  
BATH ROBES,  
DRESSING SACKS,  
FINE FUR PIECES,  
SILK AND WOOL WAISTS,  
RENAISSANCE PIECES,  
POCKETBOOKS,  
FANCY HOSIERY,  
LACE TIES,  
BARBS, ETC.

## The..... Second Floor

Art Ware Exhibit is a busy place these days, and is an intensely interesting one to visit.

CHINA WARE,  
BRIC-A-BRAC,  
MARBLE STATUARY,  
MUSIC BOXES,  
JARDINIERS AND PEDESTALS,  
INDIAN BUSTS,  
FRAMED PICTURES,  
ART CALENDARS,  
MEDALLIONS,  
BILLIARD TABLES,  
GAMES, DOLLS and  
MECHANICAL TOYS,

that delight the young folks and interest the older ones as well.

You are invited to call—a visit will prove profitable.

OPEN IN THE EVENINGS.

**GEO. E. STIFEL & CO.,**  
1154 to 1160 Main Street.

## A \$200,000 COAL DEAL PUT THROUGH

By Which J. V. Thompson, the  
Uniontown Capitalist and Banker, Acquires

### SIX THOUSAND ACRES OF COAL

On the River Front Above Wheeling  
From W. M. Dunlap, of West  
Alexander.

Yesterday morning, when the deeds of transfer were admitted to record at Clerk Robertson's office, a deal in Ohio county coal lands was consummated that is said to be the largest on record both in acreage and amount of consideration. These deeds conveyed the coal underlying 6,250 acres of land on the river front in Richland district, above the city, to W. M. Dunlap, and the total consideration is \$181,953 76. In turn, Mr. Dunlap conveys the properties to a syndicate of Pennsylvania men, headed by J. V. Thompson, of Uniontown, capitalist and banker, and the consideration in this end of the deal is not made public.

#### The Properties.

The properties figuring in the transaction are as follows:

Names.	Amount.	Acreage.
S. D. Hughes and wife.....	\$ 3,204 75	120.00
J. L. Sawtell.....	6,130 75	246.40
A. J. Wilson and wife.....	5,681 55	233.38
T. D. Wilson and others.....	10,023 00	250.79
R. W. Hazlett, et al.....	3,833 00	79.99
Eleanor McCord.....	1,400 00	33.43
A. J. McCulloch.....	3,320 25	127.22
J. W. McCulloch.....	6,191 25	247.31
T. C. Adams and others.....	500 75	20.33
H. Hall.....	5,000 00	105.08
C. S. Burley.....	5,312 31	135.87
R. W. Hazlett heirs.....	5,472 00	62.83
P. J. and Jacob Lash, Jr.....	3,382 70	65.21
S. N. Busbey.....	4,375 89	153.09
Katherine Hall.....	1,233 75	49.93
Robert Costain.....	1,041 50	41.91
J. J. and Jacob Lash, Jr.....	3,382 70	113.82
Thomas Finn.....	3,570 00	133.09
Alexander McCulloch.....	9,134 75	361.87
John Marling.....	11,000 00	653.10
Mary V. Magee.....	894 63	27.00
Ernest Norteman.....	1,307 00	71.61
W. E. Stone and J. C. Thomas.....	9,900 00	288.89
A. J. McCulloch.....	7,119 85	284.43
H. G. Mitchell.....	1,942 85	55.31
Robert Trimble.....	1,500 00	56.76
Almira Good.....	1,037 50	41.52
H. Zimmer.....	6,000 00	222.55
John McCulloch.....	2,594 25	119.27
W. E. Stone, executor.....	5,500 00	152.58
W. E. McCulloch.....	4,714 90	237.70
J. M. Cressat, et al.....	3,000 00	86.06
Stenger.....	7,755 65	30.59
H. J. McCulloch.....	5,529 00	148.83

These lands extend from a point on the river front immediately above the Richland coal works of John P. Gilchrist, to Short creek, a distance of six or seven miles, and it is stated positively by the interested parties that this coal is the most valuable in this neighborhood, being easy of access for shipment by both water and rail and with the best bituminous coal market in the world surrounding it within short distances.

The properties, it is said, will not likely be developed by the Thompson syndicate at once, but in the event that the "Wheeling" board of trade's campaign for the "Greater Wheeling" results in the establishment of great industries on the sites above the city, openings will be made, of course, and coal supplied to all such industries.

#### Mr. Dunlap Talks.

These options have been carried by Mr. Dunlap, who is a well known citizen of Washington county, Pa., residing at West Alexander, for eight years, and were included in the Wheeling Consolidated Coal Company deal that went by the board some time ago. They have been carried by Mr. Dunlap at considerable personal sacrifice, and his trials were increased by the avidity of some of the farmers from whom he had optioned coal.

"Don't say anything to me about the invariable simplicity and honesty of the farmer," said Mr. Dunlap to an Intelligencer man yesterday afternoon. "There are just as big rascals in the agricultural class as there are elsewhere, and I have encountered them in my deals for coal lands in this county. There is one instance that I recall when the sharp practice of a farmer compelled me to pay out \$5,000 more than had been agreed upon between us. Everywhere I found a disposition to extort the very last cent possible."

These lands are underlaid with the Pittsburgh vein of coal, known as one of the best steam coals in the country. The thickness of the vein varies from four feet two inches to over nine feet. Mr. Dunlap had thirty openings made, twenty-three of which showed a thickness of five feet ten inches. There is not another block of coal in the tri-state country so advantageously situated. One opening made at the lower end of the holdings, would be sufficient to drain the entire block; if it should be found desirable to work the coal in that way.

#### Without a Rival.

"There is not another place in the Ohio valley so advantageously situated for industrial enterprises as the lands on the river front, above Wheeling," said Mr. Dunlap enthusiastically, "and I am not surprised to hear that your board of trade is expecting to locate new plants on the land whose coal rights I acquired. That reminds me of something that has never been made public. In the winter of 1898, while in New York on a business trip, I learned from representatives of the Mannesmanns, the great German tube and steel makers, that they had their eye on a site just above Wheeling. The negotiations had extended to a point where the deal was about to be put through, when the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, and was followed shortly afterward by the unpleasant relations with the German government. This state of affairs caused the Mannesmanns to give up their project, and later they located in Chicago instead of near Wheeling. Their plans were to erect a \$3,000,000 plant above the city for the manufacture of projectiles for the American and other governments."

So the blowing up of the Maine was an unfortunate occurrence for Wheeling.

#### Good Prices.

The price paid for these lands by Mr. Dunlap is from \$20 to \$50 an acre, which shows their out of the ordinary value.

Lands in Marshall county were recently optioned for as low as \$10 an acre, and in other counties at prices lower than \$10. The extraordinary advantages of this block of coal leases in the matter of transportation facilities add to their value in the market enormously.

Mr. Dunlap said he had another deal on for 3,000 acres of coal lands in Liberty district, lying north of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, which he expects to close this week. He did not say to whom these lands would be sold. He intimated that the purchasers would work their holdings.

### STILL THEY COME.

Twelve New Subscribers Secured Tuesday For the Board of Trade. Campaign Will be Continued Vigorously.

Special Representative Walter H. Rinehart, of the Wheeling board of trade, yesterday continued his tour of the business districts in the campaign for an increased board of trade membership, and secured twelve subscriptions, notwithstanding the holiday rush which makes it practically impossible to do any business with the retailers. The subscribers were the following:

J. G. Hoffmann & Sons Company.  
Orloff L. Zane.  
C. A. Schaefer.  
Greer & Lang.  
J. W. Beltz & Sons Company.  
J. Elwood Hughes.  
F. Schmiede & Son.

Mr. Rinehart will continue his tour of solicitation during the week, but does not expect to make such substantial progress as will be possible after the holiday rush has ended.

\$2 00 Fine Silk Christmas Umbrellas for \$1 50, at M'FADDEN'S.

GO to H. E. Hillman & Co. to buy your friend a Ring. mw&f-10

BARGAINS that sparkle like Dew Drop are our entire stock of Cameras and Kodaks. KIRK'S, 1005 Main St.

### BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

Matinee at the Grand to-day.

Grand to-night—Bon Ton Stock Company.

The "Committee of One Hundred" meets to-morrow night.

Wheeling merchants say the holiday trade this season breaks all records.

The Linsly Institute Cadets' ball occurs Friday night at the armory. Elaborate preparations are being made.

Mayor's Orchestra will play at Turner's Hall Thursday evening, at a ball to be given by one of the social clubs.

At Prof. Jacob Reineke's dancing class at Odd Fellows' hall, to-morrow evening, a new dance will be introduced.

Yesterday, in the circuit court, in the case of Egger vs. Warrick, there was a final decree for distribution of the funds.

The Right Rev. George W. Petarlin will deliver the sermon at St. Luke's church on the island, at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Frederick Charles, the infant child of William Reineke, died at the family residence on South Eoff street, at 7:30 o'clock last evening.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alice A. Saunders will occur this morning at 8:30 o'clock, with requiem mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 9.

Lady Washington Council No. 1, Daughters of Liberty, will give a masquerade ball and supper at Pythian castle, Friday evening.

Squire J. R. Larue slipped and fell on Market street Monday afternoon, sustaining a compound fracture of the wrist. The injury is a very painful one.

Central Temple No. 4, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, will give a masque ball and carnival at Pythian castle to-morrow night. Professor Miller will preside at the piano.

While at work at the Belmont mill yesterday afternoon, W. J. Harper, of Twenty-fifth street, was struck on the back of the head by a pair of tongs, sustaining painful cuts and bruises.

The five special reporters of the Army and Navy Historical Association, of Washington, D. C., who are in this city gathering data for a Civil war history, are not working under the direction of the United States government.

Boys' Fur Top Kid Gloves, Fleece Lined, for 48c, at M'FADDEN'S.

FINE new line of Piano Stools and Scarfs for the holidays. F. W. BAUMER CO.

FINE Umbrellas. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office, the following were recorded:

Deed made December 12, 1900, by G. A. Laughlin to the trustees of the First Presbyterian church; consideration, \$5; transfers part of lot 103 on north side of Eighteenth street, the Laughlin Memorial chapel.

Deed made May 1, 1900, by Anna D. Norton and others to George Prettyman; consideration, \$1,000; transfers part of lot 14 in division C, of the Joseph Caldwell estate.

A power of attorney from the Welcome Gold Mining Company to J. B. Wilson.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following:

Leslie Little, aged twenty-one, of Washington county, Pa., and Addie Strickland, aged seventeen, of Marshall county.

Charles H. Davis, aged thirty, of Allegheny, Pa., and Carrie A. Hildesheim, aged twenty-two, of Wheeling.

Christmas Neckties, Latest Styles, in nice boxes, 50c, at M'FADDEN'S.

Four Christmas Bargains.

We have in stock four slightly shopworn high grade upright pianos, which we have decided to offer to Christmas buyers this week at wholesale prices. Come in to see them.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

Wanted—At Once.

Thirty musically inclined boys, aged twelve years, to sing in St. Matthew's boy choir. Must be talented and of neat appearance. Musical training and salary at start. Apply to Paris R. Myers, Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at church.

H. E. HILLMAN & CO. was never known to give such low prices on Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry as they are this year.

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H. E. HILLMAN & CO. will not allow cheap grade goods go in their stock that will not wear.

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KRAUS BROS.

Don't you  
want to  
buy Auntie or  
Grandma a  
pair of nice,  
soft, warm  
Shoes or  
Slippers???

Try  
here.  
**ALEXANDER**  
1049 MAIN ST.

### A NOVEL CAMPAIGN

Being Waged for River Improvement by Chairman Holmes, of the Improvement Association's Committee on Legislation.

Edgar A. Holmes, general manager of the Pittsburgh, Connellsville & Wheeling railroad, now building, who was recently chosen chairman of the Ohio River Improvement Association's committee on legislation, is making an active campaign for the passage of the congressional rivers and harbors bill, and his methods are decidedly original and effective. He has prepared a map of the Ohio valley, with its tributaries in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, and has compiled a list of the counties, to boards of trade, chambers of commerce, county courts, town and city councils and other organizations he has sent blank petitions and resolutions destined for the member of Congress and praying for the passage of the legislation affecting the improvement of the Ohio river. The number of the petitions reached by this campaign is surprisingly large—125—and already a number of the representatives are hearing from their constituents, as Chairman Holmes learned a few days ago when in Washington to appear before the rivers and harbors committee in behalf of the pending bill.

Held to the Grand Jury.

Yesterday afternoon, in the office of the county jail, Squire Greer heard the case of Jane Ryan, alias Mary Evans, who was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Lottie Martin, charging her with forging her name to a check for \$11 at the South Side bank. She was held to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 bond.

Gentlemen's Fine \$1 50 Leather Slippers for 98c, at M'FADDEN'S.

BEAUTIFUL effects from beautiful goods. KIRK'S, 1005 Main Street.

Bon Ton Stock Company.

There were good sized audiences at the Grand yesterday to witness the productions of the Bon Ton Stock Company, and every indication points to a very successful engagement. In spite of the fact that it is the last week for holiday shopping, Mr. Leyburne has an excellent supporting company, and his vaudeville artists contribute their specialties between the acts. Two good bills are offered for to-day. This afternoon "Princess of Patches" will be repeated.

Men's Kid Dress Gloves, Lined or Unlined, 48c and 58c. M'FADDEN'S.

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SOLID Sterling Silver. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

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WITH all the reduction H. E. Hillman & Co.'s prices on Diamonds, Watches, Fine Jewelry, Clocks, etc., are the lowest in the city.

TOY.

Makes the Children Happy.

The Toy Talking Machine with ten-inch japanned horn, toy sound box, perfect governor, with speed regulator, neat baseboard, record with six children selections, 100 needles, uses the indestructible standard record. A wonderful talking machine for the price, \$3. Records, 50 cents each, 35 per dozen.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

H. E. HILLMAN & CO. has a fine line of Clocks marked down.

MANDOLINS, Banjos and Guitars will be sold this week regardless of cost. F. W. BAUMER CO.

DIED.

DELRUGGE—On Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., at his late residence, No. 503 East street, HENRY HART DELRUGGE, in his 64th year.

Funeral services Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Friends of the family requested to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

SAUNDERS—On Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., at the late residence of John F. Saunders, in his 40th year.

Funeral from the residence of her husband, No. 1008 Main street, on Wednesday morning at 8:30. Requiem mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

REINEKE—On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, at 7:30 p. m., FREDERICK CHARLES, infant son of William and Emma Reineke, aged 6 months.

Funeral notice hereafter.

UNDERTAKING.

Louis Bertschy, FUNERAL DIRECTOR and ARTERIAL EMBALMER, 1217 Main St.—West Side.

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## AT Appropriate Prices.

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Will it be an OVERCOAT?  
Perhaps a SUIT OF CLOTHES,  
Or maybe a BATH ROBE,  
A pair of GLOVES,  
Some HANDKERCHIEFS,  
Or then a pretty NECKTIE,  
A warm and pretty MUFFLER,  
A pair of silver buckle silk SUSPENDERS,  
A handsome UMBRELLA,  
Fancy SILK VESTS.

All goods engraved free of charge. Goods subject to exchange after Christmas. Everything in abundance in Clothes and Furnishings for men and boys.

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1150 MAIN ST.

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Scarfs of every kind.

Muffs to match if wanted.

Men's Silk Quilted Smoking Jackets \$3.98.

Ladies' Silk Quilted Jackets and House Robes, in light and dark colors.

Special Offerings in SUITS, prior to the holidays.

New Lot of CREPE TIES—exclusive styles—50c to \$5.00 each

**Geo. R. Taylor Co.**  
1150 MAIN ST.

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Sometimes needs a reliable, monthly, regulating medicine. Only harmless and the greatest blood purifier. If you want the best, get  
**Dr. Peal's Pennyroyal Pills**  
They are prompt, safe and certain in result. The genuine Dr. Peal's, never disappoint. Sold for \$1.00 per box.  
Sold by Chas. R. Goette, Druggist, cor. Market and Twelfth streets. ap14